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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Arms and Explosives

Non-military rifle shooting clubs or associations for target practice in this Presidency.

*1 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of non-military rifle shooting clubs or associations for target practice on miniature and other ranges in the province;

(b) the number on miniature ranges and the number on other ranges;

(c) how many of them are Government or Government aided clubs;

(d) if there be Government clubs for non-military purposes, for whom they are meant and what amount of money is spent yearly on each club;

(e) if there be Government aided clubs, the financial aid which the Government gives to each club yearly;

(f) whether any of these clubs or associations are registered and if so, how many; and

(g) the names of the clubs or associations?

A.—(a) Four.

(b) All on miniature ranges.

(c), (d) & (e) None.

(f) The clubs have not been registered.

(g) (1) Kodaikanal Miniature Rifle Club, Kodaikanal.

(2) The Yercaud Miniature Rifle Club, Yercaud.

(3) The Ladies Rifle Club, Wellington.

(4) St. George's Homes, Ketti.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"With reference to the answer to (g), may I know whether the membership of all these clubs is confined to Europeans and Anglo-Indians?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have no information, Sir. I shall make an enquiry and let the hon. Member know.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know whether permission would be given for similar clubs to be started for Indians?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"When the question comes up before Government, it will be considered."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I know whether in issuing licences to these clubs the Government pay any attention to the race to which the members of these clubs belong, whether they are Indians and whether one race is discriminated from another in the grant of the licence?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Not that I am aware of, Sir."